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1. According to a decree issued by the Erfurt regional railroad directorate on 15 August 1950, the participation of railroad employees in conferences held in Western Germany or West Berlin, and the transmission of official railroad records to agencies outside the Soviet Zone of Germany, is subject to the approval of the Director General, Railroads. Pertinent requests will be submitted through official channels.
2. The Soviet Zone Mitteilungsblatt der Deutschen Reichsbahn (Official Railroad Bulletin), Issue No 1 of 15 October 1950, published a decree on page 13, according to which official and private journeys to Western Germany by employees of salaries brackets I I-IV will be subject to approval by the Director General, Railroads. Such journeys by other railroad employees are dependent on the approval of the president of a regional railroad directorate. All such requests must be submitted through official channels. \*

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- \* Comment. It is believed that the new regulation was ordered to prevent espionage by railroad officials, or their flight to the Western Zone of Germany. This applies particularly to high ranking railroad personnel.

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